



## Donald F. Tylunas

September 24, 1928 - June 27, 2017

Donald F. Tylunas, 88, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, with his three daughters at his side. Born September 24, 1928, son of the late Frank and Marcella (Jankauskas) Tylunas, Donald owned and operated Tylunas Funeral Home in Chicopee for many years, retiring in 1989 after which he lived in Florida and returned to this area in 2007. A graduate of Cathedral High School, Class of 1946, he continued his education, first at the College of the Holy Cross, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 1950, and later at Springfield College, where he earned a Masters Degree in Education. Donald was a US Army veteran of the Korean War and was awarded the Korean Service Medal with three bronze service stars, United Nations Service Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. A communicant of St. Patrick's Church, he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Elder Council 69, American Legion Kennedy Post 275, Korean War Veterans Association of Western MA Chapter 2000, and the Tigers AC. He served as a Chicopee Parade Marshall for the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade. Don loved golfing and the Yankees, lived simply and gave generously, had a good sense of humor and truly cared for the families he served as a funeral director. Donald was predeceased by his first wife Patricia A. (Toomey) Tylunas, his second wife, Elaine A. (Child) Tylunas, and his sister, Eleanor Sacco. He is survived by his loving daughters, Lynne Japp and husband Paul, of Chicago, IL, Jill Camerlin and husband Bill, of Wilbraham, and Gayle Hamilton and husband Scott, of Austin, TX; cherished

grandchildren, Reece Camerlin Nunes, Paige Camerlin, Ty Hamilton and Trent Hamilton; a sister, Ann Daigle, of Shrewsbury; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Funeral services and burial with Military Honors in St. Patrick's Cemetery will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to Dakin Humane Society PO Box 6307, Springfield, MA 01101.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Patrick's Cemetery**

Fuller Rd.  
Chicopee, MA

# Tribute Wall



“ *To Jill and Ann and the rest of your families, very sorry for your loss. Don always had a big smile and greeting, made you feel like he really cared how you were doing. I will always remember him fondly.*  
*John Broderick, Wilbraham, MA.*

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**John Broderick** - July 05, 2017 at 04:58 PM

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*I knew your dad while working for a bank in the Springfield area. A true gentlemen who was kind to everyone. When I first met him and ask him what is profession was. he stated that he was in Terminal Packaging. I guess what he meant and it was always a great conversation topic with us. His gentleness, thoughtfulness and love of his family remain forever in the hearts that knew him.*

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**Marlene Lemoine Huie** - July 06, 2017 at 08:17 PM